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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Sept. 27	Origen	New Orleans	29	15	0
27	Donna Christina	Pensacola	6	0	0

Aliens sailing for the United States during the week, 4.

CHILE.

Report from Valparaiso—Plague in Chile.

The following information is received, under date of October 5, from the Department of State, contained in a dispatch from the American consul at Valparaiso, dated August 28:

According to the best obtainable information bubonic plague still continues to quite an extent in some of the northern ports of Chile. The latest report given out shows, for the first six months of 1907, for Taltal, 695 cases, with a death rate of 46 per cent; Antofagasta, 216 cases, with a death rate of 42 per cent; Iquique, 154 cases, with a death rate of 41 per cent, and Pisagua, 105 cases, with a death rate of 45 per cent. The nearest of these ports is about 500 miles distant from Valparaiso. All shipping in these ports anchor out in the open bay, and so far as I am able to learn there have been no cases of plague developed on any of the steamers plying between Valparaiso and Ancon, or vice versa. Nearly all the cases are among the very poor natives. I have failed to learn of a single foreigner being attacked by the disease during the time.

The Government has made an effort to clean up these ports so as to stamp out the disease, but from present indications it will be some time before it is thoroughly carried out.

The general health conditions of the port are good.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Quarantinable diseases—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports:

Week ended August 3. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on July 6, 1907. To restrictions enforced against Hongkong, as reported on July 13, 1907, the following have been added:

Place or port.	Nature of measure.
Amoy	Hongkong declared an infected port.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 10 cases, 11 deaths; smallpox, 2 cases, 3 deaths.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.